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For: ALFALFA PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED STANDABILITY AND/OR FAST

RECOVERY AFTER HARVEST AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING SAME

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 5, 2009. This paper is timely filed by December 7, 2009, with the payment of 3 months extension of time fee. The actual due date of December 5, 2009, fell on a Saturday and December 7, 2009, is the next business day.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.